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Alguna High School AHS vs. cancer

Hannah Kadow

The Algona High School is going PINK!!! At the basketball game against Clarion-Goldfield, on Thursday, January 28, the school did a pink out in support of breast cancer. This was an idea started by the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association. The girls' coach, Brad Sudol, teamed up with Nike to sell pink Bulldog basketball shirts to raise money for breast cancer research. The girls started selling the shirts at Relay for Life this past summer. The pink shirts cost \$15. The girls sold almost 300 shirts. In return, they got pink jerseys to wear at the pink out game on Thursday. The remaining shirts were on sale at the game.

The AHS cheerleaders sold pink shoelaces in awareness of breast cancer and wore their own pink uniforms. The basketball girls wore the pink shoelaces and the Dawg Pound and crowd wore pink as well. The cheerleaders also had a bake sale at the game.

The Clarion crowd also wore pink. The Clarion schools took donations for cancer research and brought the money to the game and put it all together with Algona's money. The money

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raised between the two towns was donated together to cancer research.

All the AHS basketball girls signed one of the pink jerseys and it was sold through a silent auction during the girls and boys' games. Dave Jensen bought the jersey.

The AHS boys' basketball team wore pink shoelaces and pink wristbands during warm-ups.

Also in support of this event, the Algona High Drill Team performed Oprah's Flash Mob Dance. The drill team girls got at least five students/teachers to dance with them at the half time of the girls' game. Each dancer had to pay at least one dollar to help raise money for breast cancer. Their goal was 100 DANCERS, in pink of course!!! They practiced Sunday, January 24, from 2:45 p.m to 4:30 p.m. Each dancer donated at least one dollar and a collection was taken during the dance. The money raised during the performance was turned in with the rest of the donations.

Many people are affected by breast cancer and this is a great way that the Algona community has

worked together to raise money. Many students and staff of AHS worked very hard and were very proud to put this event on. Altogether over \$1,300 was raised.



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"I wore pink for my mom!"

Nicole A. Per-
son

"They should have made the ball pink too."

David Baxter

"It was a crazy good pink time!"

Collin Fett

"Go breast cancer awareness!"

Jayson Dyslin

"Go pink."
Logan Thill

"I'm very pleased that so many of our kids got involved with this fundraising event. I'm also happy with all the people who supported the fundraiser."
Mr. Heitland

"I saw lots of pink shirts."
Triston Dacken

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Battle of the Bands

Alynnia Freeburg

In January, the VFW hosted a Battle of the Bands for teens. The event started out as an idea from Angie Asa Lovstad at Kossuth Connections and grew from there. The night was fueled by JEL, Just Eliminate Lies, which is a large anti-smoking group.

Angie contacted AHS senior Rob Bauer and together the two of them organized the whole event. In mid-December, Tommy Haverkamp, Tommy Christian, Josh Hollinger, and Nicole (Nirvana) Bosworth got on the committee to help out.

The night started at 7:00 p.m. and lasted until 11:00. The cost was \$3 to get in. There were three bands that performed and competed for a cash prize of \$100. The bands included The Mascot, Grungeizdead, and A Farcry From Fortune. Rob Bauer, Justin Briggs, Josh Hollinger, and Josh Marihart made up The Mascot. Dillon Stave, Cody Combs, and Nicole (Nirvana) Bosworth were a part of Grungeizdead.

A Farcry From Fortune included Caleb Fortune.

There were also a variety of small acts throughout the night. Tommy Christian played a few songs on his acoustic guitar, Alex Shockley performed a comedy routine, and Justin Briggs also played two songs on his guitar. In addition, there were all kinds of prizes being drawn throughout the night ranging from T-shirts to a flip camera.

Joey Candelarie won the camera while Tommy Christian was the winner of the individual acts. The winner of the Battle of the Bands and the \$100 cash prize was The Mascot. Rob Bauer said, "The night was crazy! We had a WAY larger turn out than I had ever dreamed of!"

There are already plans being made to have another Battle of the Bands in March. There will be more bands, more prizes, more people, and a larger and better location, so make sure to check it out!

ROCKFEST!

Cody King

ROCKFEST is coming to Whittemore, Iowa, on Saturday, January 30th. ROCKFEST is a concert put together by Cody Combs and Matt Simonson. It will be held at the Whittemore Gym from 7-12 P.M. The show will be a good time, featuring several local bands. There is a five-dollar entry fee at the door and refreshments will be served. Megan Heiderscheidt says, "I'm super excited to hear these sweet bands!"

GRUNGEIZDEAD is a local band from Algona

with Cody Combs, Dillon Stave, and Nicole (Nirvana) Bosworth. Of Salt and Swine, My Dear Martyr, and Against the Tides are all bands from Minneapolis, bringing a heavy metal scene straight from the cities! Trace Your Steps, a band from Mason City with Wade McClellan, will also be in attendance.

It should be a fun way to spend your Saturday night and you'll have an awesome time. ROCKFEST is coming to a town near you!

Up in the Air

Sara Ann Smith

Up in the Air is a comedy – drama film that started as a 2001 novel written by Jason Reitman. The movie was directed by Jason Reitman and co-written by Jason Reitman and Sheldon Turner. *Up in the Air* was produced by Daniel Dubiecki, Jeffery Clifford, Ivan Reitman, and Jason Reitman. The film stars George Clooney, Vera Farmiga, and Anna Kendrick.

Up in the Air is about a man, Ryan, played by George Clooney, who flies around to different work places and fires people for a living. He also makes a living by giving motivational speeches, asking, "What's in your backpack?" He motivates people to live their lives free of people and things.

Ryan lives the same way, until he meets a woman, Alex, played by Vera Farmiga, who also travels all

the time. He starts to develop feelings for her. His whole lifestyle is at risk when a business partner, Natalie, played by Anna Kendrick, comes up with an idea that will ground him.

He learns lessons from both of the women, and they are all faced with some hard things to deal with. Ryan's goal in life was to reach ten million frequent flyer miles. See what happens when Ryan reaches his goal and how his life is changed by the new people and experiences in his life.

The film received mostly good reviews and received an average rating, of 8.1 out of 10 stars. This movie has a sad plot; *Up in the Air* got 0 out of 5 stars from *Entertainment Weekly* while entertainment. ie gave it 5 out of 5 stars. Adams Reimers is excited to see this movie very soon.





Girls on a roll

Molly Cook

The Algona girls' basketball team is still undefeated. The Bulldogs easily defeated the Golden Bears on December 22, 2009. The final score was 75-32. Natalie Hackbarth led the team with 19 points, followed by Kirsten Lipps with 17. Emillie Kenne threw 10 assists.

They continued their winning streak against Clear Lake, defeating them 70-42 on January 5, 2010.

On January 12, 2010, the Humboldt Wildcats fell to the Bulldogs. They lost 82-47. Katelyn Seely had 25 points and Natalie Hackbarth added 18. "Beating Humboldt is always fun," said Audrey Schuttler.

On January 15, 2010, the Bulldogs held the Eagle Grove Eagles to 18 points, defeating them 73-18. Natalie Hackbarth had 25 points followed by Laura TerHark with 13. TerHark also had six steals.

Continuing their winning streak, the Bulldogs traveled to St. Edmonds. On January 19, 2010, they defeated St. Eds 74 to 46. Kirsten Lipps had 29 points and Natalie Hackbarth had 15.

Traveling to Webster City, the Bulldogs demolished the Lynx, 75-30. Emillie Kenne had 7 assists and Kirsten Lipps had 18

points.

On January 22, 2010, the Bulldogs defeated the Hampton-Dumont Bulldogs 75-40. Natalie Hackbarth had 24 points, Katelyn Seely had 18, and Kirsten Lipps had 17. During this game, Natalie Hackbarth was honored for being the first girl in Algona history to reach 1,000 points in her high school career. "Natalie Hackbarth is my hero," Jessica Kuhlmann shouted when told about Natalie's accomplishment.

The Bulldogs hosted Clarion Goldfield on January 28th. It was a pink out game, and the girls' team wore pink uniforms to support the cancer awareness. The girls won again, 79-31. In this game, Kirsten Lipps received recognition for having 1,000 points in her high school career.

Pairings also came out for the third ranked Bulldogs. The Bulldogs will start the playoffs off against Forest City on February 17th at Algona. They will next play the winner of Hampton-Dumont and Clear Lake on February 20th at Algona. Regional Finals for 3A will be held at Mason City on February 23rd.

Their next game will be January 29th in Iowa Falls.

Seated first in the NCC

Natalie Hackbarth

The Algona boys basketball team has advanced their record to 12-3. After winter break, the team swept away Clear Lake, Eagle Grove, St. Edmond, Webster City, Hampton-Dumont, and non-Conference Forest City and Garner.

The team is currently seated first in the North Central Conference, passing the St. Edmond Gaels. The Bulldogs defeated the Gaels on Tuesday, January 19, in Fort Dodge with a final score of 41-34. Ryan McMahon led the Bulldogs with 10 points.

A make-up game against Webster City sent the Bulldogs into their third overtime of the season. Ryan McMahon scored six points in the last 12 seconds of overtime to lead the team to a one-point victory over the Lynx. With a game changing three-pointer with 12 seconds left, Ryan McMahon switched the momentum over to the Bulldogs. He finished the game with three freethrows with 0.7 seconds left, leaving Algona with the victory.

The Bulldogs

handled Hampton-Dumont pretty easily on Friday, January 22. Ryan McMahon led the team with 16 points and five assists. The final score of the Bulldog vs. Bulldog match up was 57-32.

The Bulldogs walked away with the biggest win of the season on Saturday, January 23. Algona crushed the 8th rated Forest City Indians with a final score of 72-47. Brady Collison dominated the scoreboard with 29 points. Teammate Ryan McMahon added 16 and Nyle Larson put up 13. "I had faith in my team and had no doubt we'd show up to play," said Nolen Elliott after the win.

The Bulldogs wore pink shoelaces in the home game on Thursday, January 28, against Clarion-Goldfield to help raise money for cancer research. They beat the Cowboys fairly easily, 49-32.

Next up, the team plays Iowa-Falls Alden on January 29th in attempts to defend their spot as Conference champions.



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3rd place at NCC Taking a trip to Des Moines

Audrey Schuttler

The Bulldog wrestlers have been busy with meets in the past weeks.

On Saturday, January 16, they traveled to Ankeny to participate in an eight-team tournament. The team finished seventh on the day. The Bulldogs brought home one tournament champion. North Sentral Kossuth's Logan Johnson pinned three wrestlers to win the title. The team also brought home one runner up wrestler, Kyle Walker. Kyle pinned two guys in the first two rounds but lost to a South Tama wrestler in the final round.

On Tuesday, January 19, the wrestlers traveled to Britt for a double dual against West Hancock and Osage. The Bulldogs split on the night and won against West Hancock, 63-12. Osage beat the Bulldogs with a score of 53-24.

On Thursday night, January 21, the Bulldogs wrestled in another double dual in Eagle Grove. In the meet, the team won against Eagle Grove with a score of

43-12. The Bulldogs lost to Webster City.

January 22 was the North Central Conference tournament. All the teams in the Conference wrestled in Eagle Grove. AHS finished third. Three seniors won titles on the day. At 160 pounds, Kyle Walker won, at 215 pounds, Logan Johnson won, and at heavyweight, Brandon Keller won. Junior wrestler from North Sentral Kossuth, Jake Larson, received runner up.

As the State Wrestling Tournament approaches, wrestlers must finish first or second at sectionals to advance to the next tournament and move one step closer to State. The sectionals tournament will be held at Algona High on February 6th and the District tournament is held the following week at Lake Mills. The District tournament starts at 12 pm on February 13th. Kyle Walker says, "I am looking forward to the end of the season because it is the most important time of the year."

Katelyn Seely

On Monday, January 18th, some Algona FFA students, Ean Weber, Taylor Prothman, Megan Gerhardt, Kenzie Thompson, Ronni Throckmorton, and teacher Mr. MacVaey, went to the 25th Annual FFA Legislative Symposium. Due to the foggy weather, the students had to leave the night before.

On Tuesday the activities started at the new FFA Enrichment Center located on the DMACC campus. The students listened to a speaker named Billy Northy, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture.

Students were given a presentation of the past year's FFA activities and an estimation of annual FFA chapters in Iowa. The current political climate and Iowa economy was

also discussed. The major highlights to the program were to get across how to learn and discuss information with the legislatures. The student state officers of Iowa presented the proper and improper ways to conduct meetings.

All the students who attended the symposium went to the capitol building in Des Moines. Megan Gerhardt said, "The capitol was purtty."

While visiting the capitol they tried to make contact with state representatives Deloris Mertz and Marcella Frevert and contacted Iowa's Senate President Jack Kibby. Unfortunately all Democrats were in caucus, and the aids couldn't tell when they would be done with their duties.

Candy

Megan Simonson

The leadership class volunteers were recently given food from Denise Christensen from Bode because the convenience store she owned closed. The AHS volunteers began selling the food throughout the day Thursday, January 28, starting at 8 in the morning. They sold the items all day in the commons.

The volunteers will sell the goodies every day until the food is gone. There are a bunch of different types of food from candy, pop tarts, chips, sunflower seeds, suckers, beef jerky, and much

more! All proceeds will go to Ethan Fairbanks to help with medial expenses. Hailey Dittrich said, "It sounds like a great idea." Prices range from 50 cents to \$1.50. Bring your money to help Ethan!

Ethan is a 2nd grader at Bryant Elementary; he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma cancer. Osteosarcoma is a common cancer in children, but it's rare for Ethan because of his age and where they found the cancer. Ethan will have chemotherapy about every two weeks for the next year.



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Quiz Bowl continuing Speech!

on strong

Lynn Espinosa

This year the quiz bowlers have had a pretty good season. With Mrs. Wichtendahl as their leader, they have qualified for Nation competition. To qualify for Nationals they needed to be a top placing team in a major tournament, which they have done twice.

There are eight people eligible to compete at Nationals. They are Tommy Christian, Nyle Larson, Connor McGuire, Michael McMahon, Michael Wichtendahl, Josh Hollinger, Maddie Gisch, and Joey Candelarie.

You may wonder

what it is that they do in quiz bowl competitions; well, they compete against other teams, answering questions about educational and vocational topics. But it is not just for those who are academically gifted. There are also questions about current events and sports, so as long as you pay attention to the world around you, then you can join.

Their next tournament is at Drake on February 13th, and their finally tournament will be held at Boone on March 6th.

Jenn Steven

So far this year in the AHS Speech department, things have been going very well. Working very hard and making things just perfect is what these people do best. There are 65 students involved in large group speech this year, 39 of which advanced to State. They each bring their own unique style to it.

The District Speech Contest was held on Saturday, January 23rd, at Spencer. 10 acts got Division I ratings and move on to State. They include: the musical theatres

of Mary Poppins, Snoopy (Girls), and *Wicked*. Reader's theatre of Phoebe's Phobias. Three improv groups. Ensemble acting of Abandoned and 10,000 Cigarettes. One act play of the Girl in the Mirror. State Speech contest in LeMars on February 6th.

Aaron Whitacre says, "It's a stress reliever." Abby Atkinson and Katie Connick both say, "It is extremely fun." Speech is a great extra curricular to get involved in. Let yourself be heard and join!

What a crazy start

Kyle Walker

The second semester of the school year started off with quite a bang! AHS has had three two-hour late starts and three snow days since the start of second semester. All of the class changes should have been completed by the end of the day Thursday, January 21st.

Some classes stayed the same from first semester to second. There are some new classes that are just offered in the spring, like composition, World War II,

Journalism II, Horticulture II, and many others.

The third quarter of the school year ends on Friday, March 19th. Third quarter midterms is on February 17th and fourth quarter midterms is on April 21st. The seniors' last day is May 13th. As of right now, AHS will be out for summer on June 2nd, if there are no more snow days. Zach Plathe says, "Second semester has been good even though we haven't had much class yet."

Snowy fun

Jeni Zeller

This winter has had many storms including some snow days. So far this year there have been 7 snow days. The seniors' last day is May 13th. As of right now, classes will be held until June 2nd. Klint King said, "Snow days are like sprinkles on a cookie, not needed but nice to have."

There are not many things that you can do when the weather is bad outside and the roads all icy. Some students stayed at home and watched movies, played games, or went online. Emily Banwart said, "I would rather go to school than stay at home. I hate no school days."

This winter has been full of blizzards, white outs, and many other snowstorms. The snow totals have been record amounts this year, which were broken in December. An average winter in Iowa has 32 inches of snow. So far this year there has been about 30 inches of snow and it is not even February yet. The record snowfall in Iowa is 59 inches set in the winter of 1961-62.

According to the Farmer's Almanac there is more snow to come, which means colder temperatures. Emily Prilipp said, "I like snow days because I can go ice skating at my house."

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Earthquake in Haiti

Zach Plathe

Tuesday afternoon, January 12th, the worst earthquake in 200 years struck less than ten miles from the city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The earthquake was 7.0 in magnitude and was followed by twelve aftershocks that were greater than 5.0 in magnitude. Structures were damaged or collapsed, from poor homes to nice houses to national landmarks.

It is getting later in the recovery effort, and millions still are not going

to have a place to stay. Thousands are feared to be dead as rescue teams from all over the world are now descending on Haiti to help where they are able. Now about 200,000 people are cramming on buses to try and get out of the demolished town. Engineers are leveling land on the fringes of the city for tent cities, which should hold up to 400,000 people.

The confirmed death toll from Haiti's devastating earthquake has risen above 150,000 in the Port-au-

Prince area alone. Some people say that it may end up to be a total of 200,000 to 300,000 people dead. Also, 1.5 million people are now left homeless. The general hospital had received 10,000 corpses, which were handed over to CNE for burial. At least 75,000 people have been buried in mass graves since the earthquake and some have also burnt the bodies of their loved ones.

If you want to help in the Haiti relief, you can contact the American Red

Cross. Other ways you can give; include World Vision, msnbc, and Help Haiti Now, which they only take food, water, medicine, and educational support. These groups are just a couple that you can choose from, but be careful, there are some fake groups out there to just get money out of you. Make sure you choose from a well-known relief effort, like the American Red Cross.

Drama comes with fame

Allison Kajewski

Hollywood has been buzzing with all kinds of drama lately, from death threats to restraining orders and more. Being the head newslane wasn't what these famous people wanted to come with their fortune, at least not in negative headlines.

First on the list is Jon Cryer, who you may know from *Two and a Half Men* as Allan. Jon, first of all, is battling a huge custody battle with his now ex-wife, Sarah Trigger. This is ironic because in the show, *Two and a Half Men*, he is still suffering and trying to figure everything out with his ex-wife. As he is going through his real life custody battle, he started receiving

death threats. At first he thought nothing of it, but he kept getting them so now the FBI is investigating it. They started questioning Sarah, and as of now, she is the prime suspect in the case.

Next on the agenda is another *Two and a Half Men* actor, Charlie Sheen. On Christmas, Charlie got charged with domestic violence on his wife, Brooke Mueller. Charlie was placed under a restraining order, and he wasn't allowed to contact his wife. They had a court date set, but Brooke became very ill with pneumonia and is still hospitalized. Charlie was able to get permission to go and see his wife at the hospital. They talked about the charge, and Brooke

wants to drop the charges. As one of the only witnesses, they can't do a whole lot about it if she doesn't want to testify. They both said, "We're ready to move back in with each other and figure things out."

NBC's nightly comedian, Conan O'Brien, was fired. This all got started because Jay Leno wanted his old spot back, meaning that Conan had to get bumped off. In the end, he ended up getting 45 million dollars, so it's hard to see that as a loss, although he was very upset about losing his job. He commented that the time slot he was at was a dream of his. In the contract though, it did state that he cannot bad mouth NBC. To be sly, stuff

was said in Spanish, which technically did not break the contract.

The trouble for Tiger Woods also continues as a 19th woman was added to the list of people he has had affairs with.

Being in the spotlight might seem nice, making a lot of money, getting all the best, most expensive things, and almost any boyfriend or girlfriend you want. But to have the whole world know every little mess up you make, they never get a break. The next time you wish to be famous, just think of all the raging fans that come with it.

Playoffs?!? You wanna talk about playoffs?!?

Triston Dacken

Last Sunday, the most important games of the season were played. The AFC and NFC Championship games were played in Indianapolis and New Orleans.

In the AFC Championship game, the New York Jets faced off against the Indianapolis Colts for the right to go to the Super Bowl. The Jets came into the game at 9-7 and as the stunning underdogs, having beat the Cincinnati Bengals and pulled off a HUGE upset by beating the San Diego Chargers. They got to the game by playing the best defense in the league and having a very successful running game. The Colts went 14-2 in the regular season and came into this game with doubt hanging around them.

Their first loss of the year had been to the Jets, after the Colts' coach, Jim Caldwell, pulled their starters in the 3rd quarter and ended up falling behind and losing. This is what allowed the Jets to make it into the playoffs in the first place. Peyton Manning came into the game confident, having beaten the Baltimore Ravens the week before, who are very similar to the Jets in all aspects of the game.

The Jets broke out to an early lead, stunning the Colts by having success in both the running game and the passing game. Mark Sanchez, at one point, threw an 80 yard touchdown pass to Braylon Edwards to silence the fans in the Indianapolis

stadium.

Late in the 2nd quarter, the Colts stepped up their game and scored. They then scored in the 3rd quarter and had a TD and a field goal in the 4th. The Colts pulled in the AFC title and punched their ticket to the Super Bowl.

The NFC game had much more drama. The Minnesota Vikings faced off against the Saints in New Orleans. The Vikings came into the game confident after beating the Cowboys the week before in an unexpected blowout. The Saints came into the game having proven themselves by dominating the Cardinals.

The game was a rollercoaster of happenings, with the Vikings turning the ball over 5 times. Brett Favre threw 2 interceptions, and there were also 3 fumbles recovered by the Saints. The Vikings actually fumbled 5 times but recovered 2 of them for themselves.

The game went into overtime after Vikings' coach Brad Childress left the offense on the field instead of kicking a field goal to win the game. In the final play of the regulation game, Brett Favre dropped back to try and throw the game winning touchdown, or at least get them closer for the field goal; he threw across his body to the left and was intercepted by Jonathan Vilma. The Saints got the ball at the start of overtime, and Drew Brees drove them down the field for the game winning

field goal.

The Super Bowl is up for grabs now, and each team is worthy of the Lombardi. Who will win it?

Under Armor Senior Bowl

Travis Stone

The Senior Bowl will be held on January 30, 2010, at the Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Alabama, at 3:00 pm. The television network channel it will be on is The NFL Network.

The Senior Bowl is the nation's unique football game and football's premier pre-drafting event. It features the best college senior football stars and the top NFL draft picks of the north and south.

The Lions' coaching staff for the north will coach the Senior Bowl and the Dol-

phins' coaching staff will coach the south.

This is a scouting opportunity for the NFL teams to take a look at potential players.

The Senior Bowl was established in 1959. The committee is composed of a volunteered group of area businesses and leaders who donate their time to serve in different aspects of the Senior Bowl, including preparation planning, and implementation to help insure the game, its events, and success each year.

Super Bowl

Adam Reimers

The 44th Super Bowl will be Sunday, February 7th. It will be played in Miami, Florida. It will begin at 7:00. The teams that are in the Super Bowl are the Indianapolis Colts against the New Orleans Saints. The Saints are going into the Super Bowl with a record of 15-3, and the Colts are going into the Super Bowl with a record of 16-2.

The tickets to get into the Super Bowl range from \$105 dollars to \$12,470.

This is the first time the Saints have ever been in the Super Bowl and it is the Colts' 4th time in 10 years.

The Who will be performing at half time of the Super Bowl. There are always some really good and funny commercials during the Super Bowl that people love. "I want Saints to win, win, win," said Kelsie Varvel. Carrie Underwood will be singing the National Anthem.

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Ready to dance?

Nolyn Elliott

As winter is hopefully coming to a close, spring will be here before long. With spring comes many events, including prom. Prom can be quite expensive and with the poor economy, AHS juniors are feeling the crunch.

Typically prom decorating includes kits purchased and put together. More money is spent on prom at AHS than some other places because AHS decorates two places, the gym and the commons. The commons costs approximately \$1,000 to decorate while the gym, which just hosts the Grand March, costs approximately \$3,000. The theme for this year, as picked out by the junior officers, is New York, New York. The kit for that theme is \$4,200.

After making 800 dollars from selling homecoming t-shirts and 700 dollars from working two

concession stands, the junior class has a balance of negative \$3079.76 in their account. As of now, the prom kits will not be sent back to the companies. The juniors have until the end of March to raise enough money to purchase the kits. However much money is made by the end of March is the dollar amount that will be used in kits. Whatever money isn't raised to pay for the kits, those kits will be sent back to the companies at a 20% re-stock fee, plus shipping.

Junior class officers, Katie Connick, Allie Simpson, Melissa Zadow, Tommy Christian, Kenzie Siefken, and Jeff Schipull, have come up with some good fundraising ideas like a cupcake exchange, a dance, and a pop can drive.

These money amounts don't include the expenses of after prom. So juniors, kick it in gear.

Ideas for prom money?

"Maybe less decorations," Bryce Hickman

"There could be a dance contest," Mackenzie Siefken

"Let's take money from the sophomore class," Eric Tull

"We could sell *The Voice* and use that money because it is totally awesome,"

"No Grand March," Cassie Onnen

Cori Wakefield

"A car wash fundraiser - it can be worth double in the winter because we could have them pay to unfreeze their doors," Cody Buscher

"Let's not have prom at all," Jenni Weaver

"What's prom?" Richie Baxter

Learning for the future

Kelsie Varvel

Algona High School has taken a step forward to learn more about kids. Mrs. Bormann's Child Development class took a change at semester into Child Development II. This is a first time program, and there are sixteen students participating. The students participating are mostly juniors and seniors, but any student can take the class, as long as they have taken the Child Development I class.

The students travel

individually to the Bertha Godfrey Preschool. The students go there everyday, or every other day, except Wednesdays. Depending on if they want a half-credit or a full-credit is whether or not they go everyday, or every other day. The students go mornings or afternoons, depending on when their Child Development II class is scheduled.

The students will be helping the teachers and playing with the three to

four year old children.

"I am really excited to have so many students for this first time program," says Mrs. Bormann. "I believe we are sending quality students over there." They would like to continue this program, so sign up next year!!!

